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1. a. On 17 May, a conference was held in the conference room of the "Haus der Ministerien", the former Air Ministry, in the Leipziger Strasse. Those taking part included district (Bezirk) leaders of the GST and officials of the HVDVP, the KVP, SSD, and SED.
- b. The object of the conference was to discuss in general terms the resolutions taken at the workers' meetings held in Leipzig and Berlin on 11 March 1955, and to establish ways and means of giving effect to decisions then taken.
2. Among those present were:
 - a. From the HVDVP: Inspekteur Rubens, Deputy Head of the Hpt. Abt. "Politisches Personal und Kader" (Main Department Political Personnel and Cadre.)
Generalinspekteur Klein
Inspekteur Jankwitz.
Generalinspekteur Seyfert, Third Deputy Head of VP.
Inspekteur Engelhart
Inspekteur Weiss
Chefinspekteur Anstedt
Inspekteur Paul Opatlik, Hauptabteilung Kriminalpolizei (Criminal Police)
Chefinspekteur Lust
Chefinspekteur Strieder
Chefinspekteur Marwuat
Chefinspekteur Eykemeier, Volkspolizeipraesidium Berlin
Chefinspekteur Erhard Koenig (Head of the VP District Saxony/Thuringia)
 - b. From the KVP:
Generalmajor Paul Ludwig of the Hauptverwaltung Ausbildung und Kader (Main Administration Training and Cadre) and six officers, including one colonel and two majors who could not be identified.
 - c. From the SSD:
Generalmajor Fruck and three officers of unspecified rank who could not be identified.

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d. From the GST:

Chef Richard Staimer, fmu. . Friedrich (rank unspecified), five officers of unspecified rank.

e. From the Central Committee of the SED

Karl Schirdewan, Secretary for Personnel, and fmu Herbocker.
Three representatives from the Ministry of Culture, among whom was a Hauptreferent from the Hauptverwaltung "Schule und Bildung" (Schools and Training) were also present.

3. The principal speeches were made by:

- a. Generalinspekteur Seyfert
- b. Richard Staimer of the GST
- c. Generalmajor Fruck (SSD)
- d. Generalmajor Ludwig
- e. Karl Schirdewan of the Central Committee of the SED.

4. The work of this conference is crystallized in the following recommendations:

- a. The order of the Chiefs of the VP dated 7 May 1955, and known as "O-Befehl No. 22/25", which is based on the MDI directive of 3 May, on the formation of a Central Command and Training Staff for the Kampfgruppen, shall not be regarded as a whittling down (Zersplitterung) of the general security measures decided upon for the defense of the DDR, nor as a demand for a broader form of military training. This order within the framework of the resolution taken on 11 March merely lays down the means and ways whereby security rules and training regulations will be carried out in plants and public administrations.
- b. Security and military training shall be given in:
 - a. The KVP, VP, and SSD.
 - b. Plants and Administrations (Kampfgruppen)
 - c. Schools and Universities
 - d. General (Sport und Technik)
 in accordance with the regulations in "O-Befehl No. 22.55".
- c. The KVP and SSD shall act in a mere advisory capacity in lower-level operational outposts; but in the Central HQ of the GST and in the Central Staff of the Kampfgruppen they will be fully responsible for carrying into effect security measures and military training in accordance with regulations laid down for this purpose.
- d. To ensure coordination, a secretariat for security in state-owned enterprises will shortly be formed in the M.D.I. to replace the existing State Secretariat for Security (sic) which until now has been carrying on this work on more modest lines.
- e. To assist in the defense against spies, saboteurs, and diversionists, the State Secretariat for Security in state-owned enterprises shall keep a watch on the general work of the SSD and on methods in use, and shall give lectures emphasizing the vital necessity for such defense preparations in heavy key industries, ministries, and main administrations.
- f. Obscure points shall be explained by special films and pamphlets.
- g. A special security official shall be attached to the "Gruppen-Leitungen" of the GST and of the Kampfgruppen who will be responsible for:
 - a. General security within these organizations
 - b. The security of the training plans
 - c. Ensuring that training is carried out under conditions of security.
 - d. Taking measures to prevent evasions.
 - e. Liaison with the commanders of the Kampfgruppen to ensure the security of camps, shooting ranges, weapons, and ammunition depots.
- h. Short courses will be given by the SSD and the KVP on how to carry out these duties.

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- i. Generalmajor Fruck of the SSD shall be the officer responsible for seeing that these security rules and regulations are both understood and kept.
6. The preservation of loyalty within independent plants and "Gruppen" of the GST will continue to be the responsibility of the VP and the KVP. To each of the "Gruppen" and independent plants, especially when they are in the country or in small towns, two men will be seconded from the police inspectorates and stations. These officers must be trained in the use of weapons. They will be responsible for the safe keeping of weapons and ammunition. Only small-caliber weapons may be kept in the Gruppen or plants themselves. Weapons such as machine pistols and light MGs will have to be kept under lock and key in the police station. Any exception to these rules must have approval of the competent authorities in the SSD.
7. Heavy and key industries must have direct liaison with the nearest police station, who will be trained to ensure the security of these plants.
8. a. In the GST and in the Kampfgruppen, weapon training will consist of instruction in the use of rifles, pistols, machine guns of light caliber, and small grenades.
- b. The instruction period will last 16 months. It will be regarded as an honor to be allowed to assist at this 16 months' course and service in the Kampfgruppen and with the units of the GST will be a voluntary honor service ("Freiwilliger Ehrendienst").
- c. It has not yet been decided whether training in heavy weapons will be given. But in any case, theoretical instruction will be given on all aspects of heavy weapons after the 16 months' course has been ended.
9. a. In accordance with the resolutions taken at the workers' meeting on 11 March, new courses are to be introduced into all the preparatory, middle, and high schools. These will deal with the fight for the unity and security of the German people in the past and at present. The courses will start as from the beginning of the School Year 1955/1956. The subjects will include:
 - The fight for freedom of the workers' class.
 - The fight for freedom at the time of the 30 years' war.
 - The so-called "Ruhkampf" in the '20s.
 - The campaign of the German Thaelmann Brigades in Spain.
 - The historic necessity for defending the Fatherland and the workers and peasant classes.
- b. The object of these courses is to instill into the younger generation the desire to be prepared for the armed defense of the country.
- c. The KVP, VP, and SSD will support these courses by lectures of their own and film representations.
- d. In the middle and upper schools, as well as the universities, a course of weapon training will also form part of the new curriculum.
- e. In these schools strong cadre groups of the GST will be formed.

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